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Civilians may be excused to vote

Employees who request time off to vote can be excused, workload permitting, without charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to permit them to report to work two hours after the polls open or leave work two hours before the polls close, whichever requires the lesser amount of time off.

Employees who report to work at 9 a.m. or later or end their tour of duty at 5 p.m. or before will not normally receive voting leave.

Employees voting in Houston, Bibb or Peach counties who are authorized voting leave under these circumstances may use a maximum of 30 minutes voting leave.

Flexitime employees are not normally granted voting leave unless they are required to report to work before 9 a.m. and remain on duty until after 5 p.m.

Under special circumstances, additional voting leave may be granted if the above will not permit sufficient time to vote.

Employees who use voting leave will obtain a certificate of voting from the polling place and turn it in to their supervisor.

— From staff reports

ITT has Atlanta Hawks basketball tickets

Information, Tickets and Travel now has tickets for the Atlanta Hawks basketball games at Philips Arena in Atlanta.

Premier seating gate price is \$55, however, ITT's first-come, first-served seating price is \$35 - a savings of \$20 per ticket.

The first game will be the Hawks against the Cleveland Cavaliers Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Sign up now for the ticket and bus special.

For more information, call ITT at 926-2945 or stop by Building 767.

For a schedule of Hawks games, visit www.nba.com/hawks/schedule/.

— From staff reports

Free packing supplies for military spouses

The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas.

To take advantage of this service, call 1-800-610-8734 and press 1 for English and then 3 for an operator.

They will send you free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels. These products are to be used to mail care packages to service members.

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Deployed troops dig in



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Robert Wyatt, 376 Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, scoops up rubble to create a hole to run electrical cable. The first snow of the year came to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, Oct. 15.

Deployed 78th Civil Engineer Group troops build a better life on air base

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Airmen from the 78th Civil Engineer Group and 778th Civil Engineer Squadron have their hands full.

Nearly 100 Airmen from the two units have been working up to 16-hour days, operating and maintaining air base facilities and providing engineering design and construction for more than \$35 million in new facilities at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

And in-flight emergencies and other taskings have kept the unit firefighters and explosive ordnance disposal service crews just as busy.

Troops like Chief Master Sgt. Eric Hogan, chief of operations for the 376th Air Expeditionary

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What to know

Nearly 100 Airmen from the 78th Civil Engineer Group are currently deployed to the Middle East in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Troops have been working since September to improve the quality of life for troops serving the war fighting mission in numerous deployed locations.

Retired Military Appreciation Day celebrates service, sacrifice

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Robins is giving a little something back to those who have given a lot to their country.

The Retired Military Appreciation Day, to be held on base Oct. 30 will offer information and free health screenings for military retirees and their base identification card-holding family members.

Doug Jones, community readiness consultant with the Family Support Center and co-chairperson for the event,

What to know

Retired Military Appreciation Day will be Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is open to all military retirees and their base identification card-holding family members. For more information, contact Doug Jones at 926-1256 or 1st Lt. Sharon Ehasz at 327-7364.

said drawings for items like a 13-inch TV with a DVD player and two free sheet

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Staff Sgt. Matthew W. Gladue is charged with criminal conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder and obstruction of justice.



Jessica Gladue was arrested for criminal conspiracy to commit murder and criminal solicitation to commit murder.

Charges preferred in murder for hire case

78th Air Base Wing
Office of Public Affairs

Charges were formally preferred Oct. 15 by the Air Force against a Robins sergeant accused in an alleged murder for hire scheme.

Staff Sgt. Matthew W. Gladue, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, is charged with criminal conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder and obstruction of justice.

Sergeant Gladue and his wife, Jessica, were arrested Oct. 13 by the Houston County

Sheriff's Department for criminal conspiracy to commit murder and criminal solicitation to commit murder. They are accused with attempting to hire a hit man to kill a witness who indicated Sergeant Gladue threatened the lives of two squadron co-workers.

Along with the conspiracy and solicitation charges, the Air Force is charging Sergeant Gladue with attempting to hire someone to plant illegal drugs in the automobile of the witness.

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Center draws a bead on goal for production

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The Maintenance Directorate plans to hit the bull's eye for Air Force Materiel Command's production goal this fiscal year.

MA is determined to complete at least 95 percent of all aircraft depot maintenance work in fiscal 2005 on time or early, and the slogan for this year's goal is 95 in '05.

Doug Keene, deputy chief of the Aircraft Production Division, said that about 300,000

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U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

A C-5 undergoes programmed depot maintenance at Robins.

Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OWS/OSW

Today
Partly to mostly cloudy



74/56

Saturday
Mostly to partly cloudy



76/52

Sunday
Cloudy with chance of rain



78/60

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Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Eric Lang, 376th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, scoops up rubble to create a hole to run electrical cable while Tech. Sgt. Robert Wyatt and Airman 1st Class Antonio Cerrano look on. The first snow of the year came to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyz Republic, Oct. 15.

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Wing’s Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, have been maintaining airfield lighting, installing indoor and outdoor electrical systems and constructing a 6,000-square-foot fabric shelter for equipment maintenance since their arrival a month ago.

As part of the push to turn temporary shelters on the air base into permanent structures, Airmen are building 20 dormitories with 1,000 rooms to replace tents that were once a home away from home for Airmen.

“We’re here to support the flying mission,” Chief Hogan said. “We make sure the planes can launch and recover in time, and that people have all the comforts of home (so they can be rested)

to fight the war.”

While Lt. Col. Scott Hartford, 376th ECES commander, said his troops put in long hours of training to prepare for the deployment, Capt. Ken Herndon, the squadron’s engineering flight chief, said working in a foreign environment presents a whole new set of challenges not faced at home.

“Local contractors’ capabilities and the availability of materials are two of the biggest challenges we’re dealing with,” the captain said. “It’s taking up to six months to get materials for projects that could’ve been done by now in the (United States).

“We constantly have to be creative and work through all the logistical problems that come our way,” he added

Even with the obstacles of

inadequate materials and equipment that, Chief Hogan, a 45-year-old father of three, said the deployment has brought him closer to the people in his squadron.

“I particularly enjoy it because you get to know each other better,” he said. “(In the United States), you get the job done and go home. But here, you don’t have that luxury. When the job is done, you are ‘home’ and so you get to know each other better.”

Master Sgt. Tracy Bivins, first sergeant for the squadron, said the most important part of her job is keeping the sense of family supporting the mission alive.

“I’m in charge of troop accountability,” she said. “I deal with the health and morale of the deployed troops. Healthy troops can carry out the mission effectively.”

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this mission.”

During his address, the vice commander detailed a campaign he and other base leaders are calling Operation Risk Reduction – a plan that will further the “People First, Mission Always” initiative by ridding Robins of needless safety hazards.

“We will not have any more casualties of peace,” he said. “We will not have any more deaths because of unsafe activities; we can’t. Everyone is so important and so fundamentally needed.”

To further that effort, a 250-member, cross-functional team from across the Air Force is coming to Robins to help improve processes. The focused augmentation and risk reduction, or FARR, team will be here through February and will only interact with Air Force Materiel Command units. They will produce a report which will go to General Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander. Next summer an Air Combat Command and AFMC joint evaluation team will come to Robins to see if the new implemented changes are working.

“We could go in and fire everyone who’s not following procedures and just start over,” General Anzalone said. “But, no matter what base you go to or what people you bring in, you’re going to have problems. The issue is to arm people with what is right and good.”

The team will have members embedded at every level of AFMC organization from the working level to the first and second line supervisor. There will also be a senior level team.

“This isn’t an inspector general team,” said General Anzalone. “The Center isn’t broken; this is how you go from great to world class. This is a ‘shot-in-the-arm’



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Members of the Top 3 association listen to Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone speak about the goals of Operation Risk Reduction Oct. 15.

Goals of Operation Risk Reduction

■ Create an ALC normalized within the Air Force culture that embraces core values, has accountability, defines responsibility, understands the need for discipline, welcomes training and force development and embraces the idea that safety is everyone's responsibility.

■ Deliver high-performing capabilities on time and on cost.

■ Create and sustain a healthy fit ready work force operating from a quality installation.

team, not auditors or inspectors.”

At each level, the team will identify issues and problems. Those problems will go on to a “fix team” which will analyze them and find the root cause. A “solution team” will then find a viable solution.

“The end result is that everyone has a known way of doing business so you can get it done safely and there are no casualties of peace,” said the vice commander. “When they leave, we must stick with the best practices.”

He also urged his audience to embrace the team as a part

of Robins.

“They have to be a part of us,” he said. “Treat them well; they are here to help.”

The general said his talk with the Top 3 was a way of giving them the answers to questions young Airmen may ask about why this is happening.

“I think it’s critical for a group like the Top 3 to have a buy-in with an issue like this because we are the ones who have to reassure our subordinates and let them know that this is coming and how they may be affected,” said Master Sgt. John Maldonado, Top 3 association president. “I feel we are definitely more informed and reassured especially with the time line the general gave that takes us quite a ways out.”

Senior Master Sgt. Sakenna Dixon agreed.

“I appreciate that General Anzalone took time to speak to the Top 3 and give us the opportunity to ask questions and address our concerns,” she said. “I believe it speaks volumes about how important he thinks senior NCOs are to ensuring the commander’s objectives are achieved. Hearing the objectives from General Anzalone, I knew they were coming straight from the top. That’s important to me, because now I can accurately communicate the objectives to others.”

Air Force launches user-friendly news product

Air Force Print News Service

SAN ANTONIO – Air Force officials announced a new e-mail service Wednesday that gives subscribers a user-friendly news summary with links to extensive news and information, as well as audio and video news reports.

Those wishing to receive the free e-mail news summary, called “AF Today,” can subscribe by going to Air Force Link at www.af.mil and clicking on “Subscribe” on the right side of the site’s banner.

AF Today was developed after analyzing user trends and surveys showing news customers wanted useful information with less clutter.

“Our research shows many people feel they get too much junk e-mail and spend too much time searching multiple Web sites for information,” said Bob Jensen, chief of the news operations division at the Air Force News Service

here. “AF Today offers our news products to our customers at their convenience.”

Computer software now makes it possible to package multiple Web links and images into a single-page e-mail message. Once subscribers sign up, the system will automatically deliver the message to their inboxes every weekday.

“In a world of deployments, mission flexibility and an ever-changing security environment, balancing a need for news and managing time is challenging,” said Leslie Benito, chief of AFNS’s Web operations branch. “To help meet these challenges, we find new software to give our customers targeted products and provide them with what they want.”

Air Force News Service now offers 22 e-mail subscription services free of charge. These range from the weekday Air Force Print News and monthly Airman magazine to news from Air Force major commands.

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cakes from the Commissary will be part of the day of thanks.

“It’s just Robins’ way of honoring and recognizing our retired military and showing our gratitude for all they’ve done for our country,” he said.

First Lieutenant Sharon Ehasz, co-chairperson of MRAD and chief of Customer Support for the Military Personnel Flight,

agreed.

“This is a day specifically set aside to honor those who have served our country,” she said. “We’re offering personnel updates, (people to address) medical issues and other things. We want people to come out and take advantage of these things because they’ve earned it.”

The event is being sponsored by the base Hospital and Fire Department, 5th Combat Communications Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron, Military Personnel Flight and other participating

base agencies.

Displays and information booths by area veteran’s organizations like the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and others will be available at the Smith Community Center, Robins Base Exchange, the Health and Wellness Center and the 78th Military Personnel Flight.

This year’s event is the first at Robins in nearly six years. MPP will be available from 9 a.m. until noon in Building 905 to allow retired military the opportunity to update personnel information.

CHARGES

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Sergeant Gladue has been in pre-trial confinement in the Houston County jail on military charges for the threats and wrongfully transporting and possessing a firearm on base in his vehicle, said Lt. Col. Mark Strickland, 78th Air Base Wing staff judge advocate.

The Air Force charges against Sergeant Gladue carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

Sergeant Gladue allegedly told a co-worker on several occasions between October 2003 and July 2004 of his intent to kill two squadron supervisors, according to the charges preferred by Sergeant Gladue’s squadron commander.

The firearm charge alleges Sergeant Gladue violated a lawful order by the base commander by bringing a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol onto the base in his vehicle between April and July of this year.

The Houston County Sheriff’s Department is working with the 78th Security Forces Squadron on the investigations. Base authorities have jurisdiction over the case against Sergeant Gladue. The Houston County District Attorney’s Office retains jurisdiction over Mrs. Gladue’s case.

Sergeant Gladue is a weather systems technician with the 51st. He maintains equipment used in field stations to track the weather. He has been in the Air Force since January 1995 and arrived at his current assignment with the 51st in May of 2002.

The 51st is a unit of the 5th Combat Communications Group, which provides mobile and transportable command and control communications and air traffic control systems worldwide.

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Aircraft Production Division production ratings for FY04 mixed

Falls short of AFMC goal for due-date performance; beat quality standards

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The Maintenance Directorate has made major strides in customer support, and it shows in the performance of the Aircraft Division for fiscal 2004.

The division not only delivered more aircraft to the customer than ever, they were able to beat their original internal goal of delivering 80 percent of the aircraft on time or early. The fiscal 2004 delivery rate of 83 percent on time was a major improvement over the previous years' delivery performance of 51 percent.

While more improvement is needed to meet the command

standard of 90 percent, it represents the positive improvements that were envisioned with the establishment of the single aircraft division.

Doug Keene, deputy chief of the division, said the division will be working hard to achieve the MA goal of 95 percent on-time production of aircraft this fiscal year.

One contributor to the division's major challenge last year was the drawdown of the C-141 programmed depot maintenance line at Robins. The technicians who had been working that aircraft had to be retrained to work on other planes. Mr. Keene said they were all highly-trained technicians, but each aircraft has its

unique systems that must be learned. Additional people were also needed to support the increase in "drop-in" maintenance that was experienced during fiscal 2004.

Last year, the division was tasked to produce 235 planes, 177 of which were PDM aircraft. All of them were completed within the fiscal year. Of that number, 196 were produced on time or early, and 39 weren't delivered by their due date.

However, compared to fiscal 2003's rating of 51 percent on-time delivery, the division did make some important strides in fiscal 2004.

Another positive note is the division did exceed the quality rating set by Air Force Materiel Command.

The quality standard for fiscal 2004 was set at .21, and

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center had a .13 quality standard for the year. Mr. Keene explained the quality standard is the ratio of the number of quality defects that come back per aircraft.

Looking to the future, Mr. Keene is optimistic that the division can meet the 95 in '05 goal.

"We're much better positioned this year than we were at the beginning of last year to handle, not only the workload we've got, but also additional drop-in workload," he said.

He feels confident the goal is attainable if the entire center pulls together to work toward achievement. This includes the system program offices, scheduling offices, parts suppliers and everyone who works to make sure each plane leaves Robins on time.

Fiscal 2004 production numbers

235 aircraft produced

196 were produced on time or early

39 were produced after the due date, but within the fiscal year

Fiscal 2003 production numbers

208 aircraft produced

106 were delivered on time or early

101 were delivered late

Source: MA Resource Management Division



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

William Rimmer, aircraft mechanic, seals a windscreen on an F-15. The Maintenance Directorate is determined to complete at least 95 percent of all aircraft depot maintenance work in fiscal 2005 on time or early, and the slogan for this year's goal is 95 in '05.

Fiscal 2005 schedule

This fiscal year's schedules for aircraft weapons systems to undergo programmed depot maintenance at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center include:

Input *	Output *
C-17 7	C-17 9
F-15 102	F-15 109
C-130 50	C-130 57
C-5 16	C-5 19

* The difference in input and output numbers is due to those aircraft that arrive later in the fiscal year preventing their completion that fiscal year. These are referred to as "carry in" aircraft.

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hours of unscheduled depot level maintenance is expected on C-5, C-130 and F-15 aircraft this year.

Joe Harrison, chief of the Process Improvement and Quality Assurance Division of MA, said that for the directorate and the Center to reach that goal, everyone must do their part.

"In a meeting with Mr. Culpepper, director of MA, we discussed continuous process improvements," he said.

He referred to the 23 in '03 goal, when the Center completed PDM on 23 C-5s in fiscal 2003.

"They established that goal and everyone worked toward that goal - the entire Center, not just the C-5 Production Branch," he said. "We discussed what would be a good goal for fiscal 2005. In fiscal 2004 we didn't meet the Air Force Materiel Command goal. So our goal this year is to meet

that goal."

At a recent MA offsite, leadership of the various divisions was briefed on how their areas impacted the production figures.

For example, the Administration and Personnel Division must ensure that the correct paperwork is completed to allow the hiring for the technicians who work in the Aircraft Production Division.

Those in the Industrial Services Division must ensure that the proper equipment and facilities are available to support the mission. Mr. Harrison said all the MA divisions have a role in the directorate's success.

But, the teamwork doesn't end with MA.

He explained that the entire center in its new wing structure must work together to make 95 in '05 attainable. The wings responsible for procurement and scheduling will be integral partners in achieving the goal set for aircraft production.

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Intensive leadership program prepares new supervisors with real-life experiences

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You see the advertisement, you apply for the position and you get the job. With just a little perseverance and determination you see yourself in a leadership position in no time at all.

Still, in the back of your mind you may wonder – what does it really take to become a good leader?

Well, if you’ve shown promise and are on the fast track to a supervisory position on the shop floor, the answer to that question could be available to you through a program conceived, developed and fine-tuned right here.

According to Tommy Stoner, contract manager with Stover and Associates, the voluntary leadership development program, or VLDP, is set up for selected individuals in the maintenance function to learn the ins and outs of being a first line supervisor.

Although he admits the program doesn’t guarantee a promotion, he said it’s a good thing to have on your record.

“It’s really an honor for someone to be nominated to participate in this program,” he said. “A nomination means key managers have identified these people as those who have potential for greater opportunities within the maintenance complex.”

Participation in the pro-

gram is voluntary and done after-hours. The course is conducted in a structured environment that consists of about 80 sessions over a 40-week period.

“It’s an extensive program that addresses anything a new supervisor might encounter such as management situations and manpower issues,” said Mr. Stoner.

“It’s a three-hour program, two nights a week, so it’s similar to many of your college-level programs.”

Willie White, an electronic mechanic in the Maintenance Directorate’s avionics division said the program has definitely better prepared him for any future role as a leader and served as a confidence builder.

“The program is great,” said the new graduate. “It taught us what to expect as far as being leaders and supervisors on the base and gave basic guidelines as far as how to handle certain sit-



Chuck House, the program’s manager, says students learn so much because they are exposed to and able to gain insight from the real life experiences of key managers.

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TOMMY STONER
contract manager with Stover and Associates

uations. It also improves the confidence most people already have in themselves. It was a real confidence builder for me and highlights qualities you already have and teaches you how to use them.”

During the nine-month program, senior leadership such as division and product directorate chiefs provide information on basic leadership principles and senior leaders’ perspectives on leadership as the students move closer to their future role as supervisors.

These guest instructors, in addition to contracted instructors from Stover and Associates, present the information through a variety of techniques including lectures, group discussions and group and individual activities.

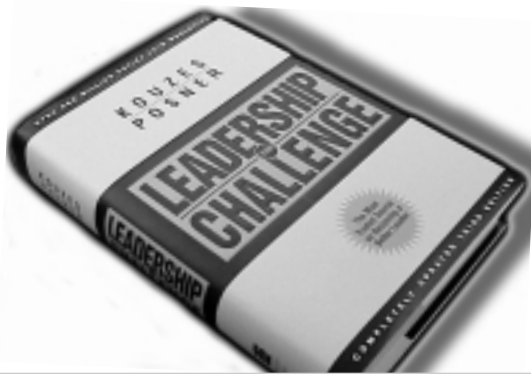
Laurie Alexander, manager of curriculum development and logistics training, said the program is unique

to Robins and came about because first line supervisors weren’t getting the education needed to do their job.

“We were tasked with giving them the leadership and management type courses that would help them become effective first line supervisors,” she said. “Basing our program on the book ‘The Leadership Challenge,’ I believe we have been able to do that.”

Chuck House, program manager, said the students are to be commended for the hard work they put in and completion rates show that they are truly dedicated to their cause.

“The students learn so much because they are



2004 VLDP graduates

Juan Alarcon, Joseph Alcorn, Edmund Baker Jr., Wilbert Boyd, Lisabeth Braswell, Jody Burkes, James Bush, Harvey Burnette, Hilton Coman, Ken Davis, Kenneth Deem, Raymond Dupont, Christopher Edgeworth, Judith Fedeli, Michael Forchette, Gary Garrison, Richard Hargrove, Robert Hightower, Tony Hightower, Lester Howell, Timothy Keister, Charles Lee Jr., William Lowery, Bobby McCoy Jr., Johnnie Miller, Stephen Morrissey, J. Osborne, Gregory Ragins, James Releford, Steven Ryan, Bobby Player, Joseph Shaw, Edward Strawmier Sr., Michele Unch, Christopher Welchel, Peter Wellman, Willie White, Gregory Williams

exposed to and able to gain insight from the real life experiences of key managers,” he said.

Ms. Alexander agreed. “We’ve found that more interaction with the higher-

ups they don’t usually see on the shop floor adds to the program,” she said. “They want to get firsthand words from those in a leadership role, and it helps in their future.”

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Breast cancer – the best protection is early detection

By Capt. Stephanie Rowan
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MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. – With 216,000 people diagnosed this year, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, according to the American Cancer Society. It is also the second leading cause of cancer death in women after lung cancer, with an estimated 40,000 deaths so far in 2004. Risk factors associated with breast cancer include being a female; a personal history of breast cancer; pre-

vious biopsies for benign breast disease; having a mother, sister, or daughter who has had breast cancer; excess exposure to radiation; and age. According to the ACS, approximately eight out of 10 breast cancer cases are in women over age 50. Additional risk factors include alcohol intake beyond one drink a day; starting menstruation before age 12; menopause after age 50; no pregnancies or first childbirth after age 30; and lengthy use of hormones after menopause. The best protection is early detection. Breast cancer is most cur-

On the Web

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
www.komen.org

The American Cancer Society
www.cancer.org

able when it is caught in the earliest stages. The size of a breast cancer and how far it has spread are the most important factors in predicting the outlook for the chance of survival of a woman with this disease. Early diagnosis of breast cancer greatly

improves the likelihood that treatment will be successful. Screening examinations for breast cancer save many thousands of lives each year. The goal of screening examinations for early breast cancer detection is to find cancers before they start to cause symptoms. Research has shown that monthly breast self-exams and self-awareness are the best way to detect potentially cancerous lumps and other breast changes. Beginning in their 20s, women should learn about the benefits and limitations of BSE and begin monthly BSE. Clinical breast exams are

done by a provider and should be done annually for all women ages 40 and older and high-risk women ages 19 to 39, or as directed. Another screening tool available is the mammogram, an X-ray screening used to evaluate breast tissue. Ask a provider when to begin mammograms. They should be done every one to two years beginning at age 40. Always call a provider promptly if any of the following are noticed: a lump, breast thickening or change in breast shape; nipple discharge; skin dimpling, puckering or change in color or texture; or breast swelling,


redness or heat. Lifestyle measures that may lower breast cancer risks include: weight control, a regular exercise routine and limiting alcohol to less than one drink a day. Choose a diet low in animal fat and protein and rich in fruits and vegetables – five to nine servings a day. These lifestyle changes help build overall health, which is a major factor in fighting disease in general. For more information about breast cancer, breast self-exams, or mammograms, check the related links listed or call the women’s health clinic at 327-7850.

Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson

Commander,

78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations.....	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Floating checks

Can you please verify if the following floating check e-mail is true or is it a chain letter?

Interesting consumer information ... A sweeping new federal law nicknamed “Check 21” takes effect on Oct. 28, 2004. This law will change the way your checking account works, giving digital copies of checks the same validity as paper ones. You may hear about this law from your bank, or, due to loopholes, you may never hear about its resulting impact. But you definitely want to be up to speed on the upcoming changes.

Here’s a rundown of the important changes that will result from “Check 21.”

NO MORE FLOAT: The “float” is the time between when you write a check and when the money is taken out of your account. This law allows your check to be handled electronically once it has been received, just like a debit card payment. You dare not write a check unless you have the full amount in your account the moment you sign your name -- that is how fast the check will be processed.

NO MORE STOP PAYMENTS: You will no longer have the luxury of time to change your mind.

NO MORE CANCELLED CHECKS: You won’t be able to get your original paper checks back because your bank will not have them. Your paper checks are digitally copied to create a “substitute check” and then destroyed the moment they are accepted as electronic transactions. Cancelled checks for proof of payment or to fight a forgery are a thing of the past. You want to make sure your bank sends you copies of your substitute checks, which will be legal proof of payment. Watch out for fees associated with a substitute-check-returning account. Look for another bank if your bank charges a high fee to get copies of all your checks as substitute checks.

DEPOSITS STILL ON HOLD: Just because your checks will clear faster doesn’t mean your deposits will be available to you any sooner. The new law does not shorten check hold times.

WATCH YOUR ACCOUNT: The possibility exists that a check can be turned into an electronic transaction with a “substitute check” and then the original paper check is not destroyed, allowing it to make the rounds and be credited against your account a second time. If you spot an error or fraud the bank must put the money back into your account within 10 business days, but only if

you have not waived your rights to have “substitute” checks provided to you.

DON’T SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTARY CHECK TRUNCATION: You bank may ask you to agree to “voluntary check truncation.” This means you give up your rights to have copies of your substitute checks returned to you. The Consumers Union warns us that we will have even fewer consumer rights under voluntary non-return of our checks than we will have under the full provisions of Check 21. For this reason they recommend that we decline invitations from our banks to convert to “voluntary check truncation.”

While I’ve only summarized portions of Check 21 for this article, you owe it to yourself to learn as much as you can about how this law will affect you. You can learn more about Check 21 and its provisions at www.consumersunion.org and the American Bankers Association’s “Check 21 Resource Center” at www.aba.com.

Commander’s reply: The floating check e-mail is really true. On Sept. 23 Josephine Davis, the Air Force Banking Officer, verified the validity of the floating check e-mail otherwise known as “Check 21.” This is a change in banking law regarding check processing by financial institutions, not an Air Force issue; however, it could have a significant impact on Robins’ personnel. As stipulated in the e-mail, effective Thursday, all checks will be cleared electronically within minutes -- even at night and on weekends. Further, the main effect of Check 21 on consumers is:

- You won’t be able to get your original paper checks back because your bank will no longer have them. A bank other than your bank will have the original check and will decide whether or not to destroy it.
- Checks will clear sooner, increasing the risk that a check will bounce if funds are not in the account when you write the check, thus the possibility of overdraft fees.
- You may not get access to the funds from checks you deposit any sooner, because the new law does not shorten check hold times.
- Check 21 creates a new kind of paper copy of an electronic image called a “substitute check.” Only a substitute check can be the legal equivalent of the original check, and only a substitute check triggers your right to re-credit of disputed funds. The copies

that a bank sends to consumers under a so-called “voluntary truncation” agreement, where the consumer agrees not to get the check back, do not prove that a payment has been made, and do not trigger your Check 21 re-credit right.

This is just a short summary of what Check 21 rules mean to the average consumer. I recommend all personnel follow-up with their personal financial institutions for specific questions about how their checks will be handled.

Overhead walkway

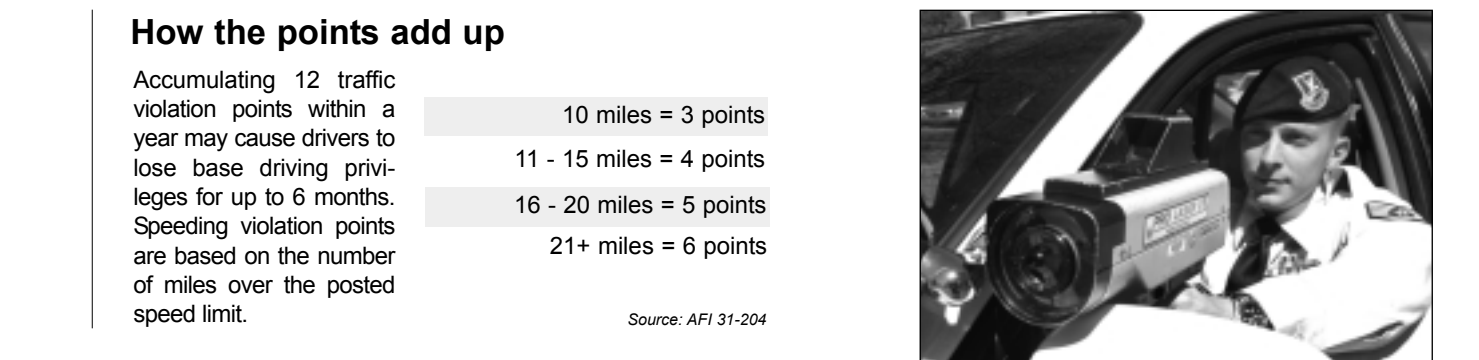
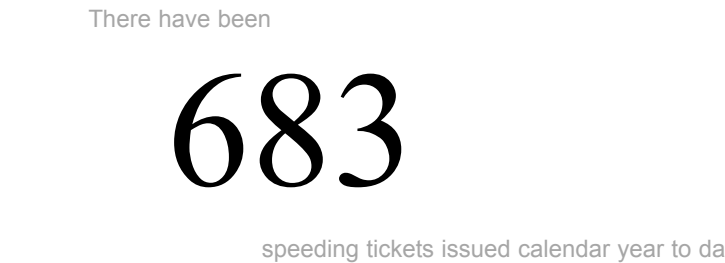
For several years the overhead walkway that crosses First Street, near Building 125, has been used only by a few personnel. Though safety should be a primary concern, most people prefer to cross the street at ground level.

A few years ago an attempt was made to persuade pedestrians to use the walkway by rerouting the fence to enclose the pedestrian gate. But, persons with handicaps had legitimate concerns about the difficulty of climbing the stairs.

Perhaps the addition of “wheelchair ramps” at each end of the walkway would solve the problem. Ramps could be placed at 90 degree angles to the upper level and, at half the descent height, double back to require a shorter area of coverage. Placing a ramp parallel to, and along the edge of, the street on the parking lot side would take up less room in the parking lot. On the flightline side of the street, the ramp could be turned toward Building 125 and then double back toward the gate. The stairs could be repositioned to opposite side of the ramp. This would allow the use of the stairs or the ramp, and keep pedestrians off the street.

Commander’s reply: Thank you for your concern for pedestrian and traffic safety at Robins. The overhead walkway over First Street is a valid concern. Civil engineering is in the process of developing a comprehensive proposal to alleviate unsafe crossings by pedestrians at First Street; however, wheelchair ramps at each end of the walkway are not feasible. Even using the steepest allowable slope, the ramps would require over 200 feet of running length. Options are being considered to accommodate handicapped individuals permitting them access to the area without using the overhead walkway or walking across the street.

Remember to slow down



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action. To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.


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Fiscal 2005 to date: 6

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New system tracks parts data for MA workers

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Technicians in the Avionics and Instruments Division, or MAI, of the Maintenance Directorate now have a faster way to get the parts they need.

The Lean Depot Management System, or LDMS, tracks data on parts, and several benefits are being noted by technicians, engineers and management alike.

The system can identify if a part is available and where it's located. If no part is on hand, the system will order the part for the technician. That person can then return to work knowing the part will be delivered to him or her when it arrives. The technician no longer has to order and search for parts.

Ronnie Rogers, of MAI, worked with Larry Atkins of Raytheon to determine a basic design of what they wanted in the data collection system.

"I wanted to know usage rates on parts so that we could make good decisions on redesigns," he said.

A system called SmartShop had been used, but Mr. Rogers explained that system did not accomplish all they wanted it to.

"We started to review exactly why it was not complete, and we found out it did not have a good process in place for making the technician want to put the data into it," Mr. Rogers said.

"SmartShop grew as it went along," Jeff McGowan, also of MAI, explained. "The technicians added data on the parts they used. That led to typographical mistakes and things like that. LDMS draws everything out of its data base."

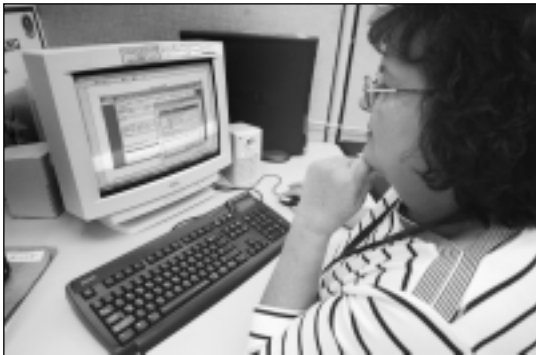
Mr. McGowan explained that, in the past, a technician would have to check back with the parts clerk periodically to find out if the ordered part had arrived. That sometimes led to work being placed aside and not worked if the technician got busy with other jobs.

The system also tracks parts usage. That helps each section of the division determine exactly what parts they need in stock and which parts in stock aren't being used. Mr. McGowan said that, by doing this, parts that were taking up room have been moved to areas where they're needed, and parts that are typically hard to keep in stock are being stocked more accurately for each section's usage.

Mr. Rogers said the engineers have better control over what parts are being used for repairs because of the system.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
Above, Robert Foster, electronic technician, gets a component he needs from bench stock. Below, Paula Collins, work in progress monitor, orders a part using the new system.



With the new system, only the part that is supposed to be used may be ordered and used. Administrators within the division troubleshoot any problems that arise and the technicians don't have to stop work to find a solution. When a problem occurs, a notice is sent via e-mail to the administrators, and they take care of the situation.

The entire system is geared to having the correct parts available when needed and keeping repair work on schedule. The system even prints the tickets required to close a job so that now there is a better way of tracking completion of jobs within the division.

New government Web site offers one-stop financial education

By Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is part of a multiagency effort that resulted in the debut of a federal government Web site devoted to financial education Oct. 12.

The mymoney.gov site has been in the works since March, with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission taking the lead role in its development, DoD officials said. Billed as a helpful resource for all Americans, the site is a coordinated entry point to all federal financial literacy and education programs.

DoD is among 20 agencies that have contributed to the site. Officials said part of the reason for DoD's participation was the

extensive financial tools it already had available.

"The Web site and hotline are great resources for service-members and their families to obtain free, credible, unbiased information on personal finance from agencies in the federal government," said Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

From the site, visitors can order a free financial tool kit in English or a similar version in Spanish. It generally takes two to three weeks to arrive, but contains information on how to choose and use credit cards, get out of debt and numerous other handy financial tips on social security and investing, officials said.

The kit also can be ordered

by calling (888) 696-6639 toll free.

It covers savings, investing, credit and social-security benefits and is recommended as a good way to start exploring financial options, officials said.

The mymoney.gov site allows for quick reference to a number of financial topics of interest to consumers. Clicking on a topic redirects consumers to a categorized list of links that offer specific information on a topic. The amount of information is vast, but special effort was put into keeping it well-organized, officials said.

President Bush signed the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, which established the Financial Literacy Education Commission, in December 2003.

Exercise caution when jogging after dark

Center Safety Office

Now that fall has arrived, the days are getting shorter, which results in runners performing their morning and evening exercise routine in the dark.

Jogging comes with its fair share of natural injuries, so it makes sense to take precautions to prevent "unnatural" accidents. The keys to running in the dark are to ensure you can see and make sure you are seen.

■ If possible, stay on the sidewalk or designated running area. Runners on the road are difficult to see. Wear reflective gear on your arms and legs.

■ If you must run on streets, try to run on streets that are wide enough to have a shoulder. Run

on the left side of the road.

■ Don't skimp on the stretching before your run. Stretching can alert you to a pull or a strain which might end your run early and in the middle of nowhere. Also, stretching will minimize the risk of pulled muscles during your run or jog.

■ When crossing a road, always use the "look thrice" rule which means looking for traffic coming from the direction closest to the curb, looking the other way, and then checking one last time in the direction closest to the curb.

■ Base and DoD safety directives prohibit the use of a walkman, portable headphones or other similar devices while jogging, walking, skating and

bicycling in a traffic environment.

■ If jogging or running during hours of darkness, wear of reflective or luminescent material is a must. (REF AFOSH) 91-501, para 14.6.10) Always wear light colored clothing. If you can, wear any or all of the following: a reflective vest, reflective strips, blinking shoes, reflective arm bands anything that makes you visible. Always tell someone what your route is and how long you expect it to last. That way, in case of serious injury, you have a person to rely on to search for you. Joggers should also carry ID cards.

If you have questions contact the Center Safety Office, 926-6271.

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ROBINS CLUBS

AEROSPACE TOASTMASTERS CLUB 3368 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PK conference room, Building 300. If you wish to enhance your communication skills and become a better leader at work and in your community, come join us. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Hall at 497-2946 or Brenda Smith at 222-1710.

DIXIE CROW CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS, a professional Electronic Combat organization, meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Officers' Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Wes Heidenreich at 929-4441.

THE AIR FORCE CADET OFFICER MENTOR ACTION PROGRAM (AFCOMAP) MIDDLE GEORGIA CHAPTER, a professional organization dedicated to the mentoring and professional development of all Air Force officers and officer candidates, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedalian Room of the Officers' Club. More information can be

found on the Robins homepage under Special Functions.

OFFICERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. OCF serves all active duty officers, enlisted personnel, Guard and Reserve members, ROTC cadets/midshipmen, international military personnel and civilian employees. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

RAVENS TOASTMASTERS CLUB meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford at 222-3052.

Editor's Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in Building 215, Room 106, by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

Employee Assistance Program helps Robins’ civilians stay mentally, emotionally healthy



What to know

The Employee Assistance Program is an Air Force-sponsored initiative which offers free counseling on job-related and personal issues that may affect the mental or emotional health of Robins' civil service employees. A full-time contracted professional counselor is available to employees on an appointment basis, as well as through the program's 24-hour hotline at 1(800) 222-0364. Information regarding EAP is available at www.foh.dhhs.gov or by visiting the Occupational Medicine Clinic in Building 207.

By Holly J. Logan
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Juggling life’s ups and downs while walking the career tight-rope can sometimes seem overwhelming - but there’s help for those who have trouble with striking the balance.

The Employee Assistance Program, an Air Force-sponsored initiative that started in October 2002, offers Air Force civil service employees and their families confidential counseling services for a variety of career and personal issues, at no cost to the employee.

Shay Giddy, organizational health consultant with the Organizational Health Center, said taking action in the early stages of a problem is the best way to resolve it.

“People get worried about others finding out about their problems and how it will affect their careers and security clearances,” she said. “But it’s much better, if you have an alcohol problem or you’re going through some depression to take care of that in the begin-

ning, before it really does start to affect your job. When problems come up, seeing a therapist will help you resolve those issues in a healthy way.”

As part of the Integrated Delivery System, a group of helping agencies that identify and help with base needs, the EAP provides civilian employees and their families up to six counseling sessions per issue, regarding relationships, finances and other areas of life. Civilian employees who fear seeking counsel would scar their careers shouldn’t, as EAP services are confidential and aren’t entered into an employee’s personnel or medical file.

Maj. Beth Zeiger, director of the Organizational Health Center here, said the program

is a wonderful benefit to Robins’ civilians and their families.

“Our employees are extremely valuable people,” she said. “And we know that people - when they’re healthier and coping with life’s stressors better - are better able to focus on the job. The whole goal of this program is to help people deal with life’s challenges in a way that can help them develop their emotional, physical and spiritual well-being, so they can focus on the mission when they’re at Robins and focus on their family and friends when they’re at home.”

In addition to face-to-face counseling on an appointment basis, licensed counselors from the Federal Occupational Health Agency are available 24-hours a day, to provide guidance through the program’s toll-free hotline.

The major said supervisors and units are encouraged to invite EAP representatives to their work areas to offer advice on issues including, stress in the workplace, coping with loss and dealing with transition.



Maj. Beth Zeiger says healthy people focus on their job and cope with life's stressors better.



Submitted photo

The Environmental Management Directorate recently presented the Museum of Aviation with a check for \$1,675 from proceeds of the directorate's annual golf tournament celebrating Earth Week at Robins. From left are Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, Tom McMichael, chairman of the museum board of directors, Paul Hibbitts, museum director, and Steve Coyle, director of the Environmental Management Directorate.

EM continues partnership with the Museum of Aviation, donates \$1,675

Center Environmental Management directorate

Steve Coyle, director of the Environmental Management Directorate, recently presented the Museum of Aviation with a check for \$1,675 from proceeds of the directorate’s annual golf tournament celebrating Earth Week at Robins.

It’s not the first time EM has given the museum money, nor is it the only way EM supports the museum’s mission. From opening the “Windows to a Distant Past” exhibit to supplying the museum with recycled park benches, recycling containers and recycled airplane chocks, EM is proud of its

strong partnership with the museum.

Not only is EM involved in cultural resources and recycling at the Museum, but they are often consulted on environmental issues. One recent project is the museum’s plan for expansion. EM facilitated the logging contract to clear more than seven acres of museum-owned land.

They also provided guidance on both the planting and removal of trees and shrubs around the museum. In 1996, EM was proud to create the Medal of Honor Memorial that is near the museum’s entrance.

In addition, EM provides support with the selection of

“green” chemicals for use with aircraft restoration and in the selection of compatible paints for the museum’s static displays. EM also provides advice on the proper storage and use of hazardous material.

The partnership extends in both directions. The museum participates in EM’s Earth Week celebration every year. In April, the museum allowed EM and local vendors to set up displays, including paintings and drawings by local artists, in the Eagle Building. The event drew hundreds of base employees and children from area schools and allowed EM to help educate the public on how to be a good environmental steward.

THE WEEK IN PHOTOS >>>
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IT Directorate brings resources together to better serve Robins

By Holly J. Logan
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The Information Technology Directorate is pulling the Center’s resources together and taking a new and improved approach to serving Robins’ computer and information technology needs.

The first part in a five-part process to consolidate the Center’s IT services currently used throughout the base, recently gave the directorate’s leadership the chance to identify the business’s best practices and look at how they could be applied throughout organizations base-wide.

Margaret Padgett, chief of the Business and Resources Division of the IT Directorate, said the consolidation will help the Center’s nearly 500 employees serve organizations more efficiently by combining functions currently duplicated in many areas and sharing expertise to give equal IT support across the base.

“(The initial phase) is basically a survey of what IT functions are currently in the wing and staff organizations, including personnel, desktop com-

puters, servers, and other IT capabilities,” she said. “We went out to the IT people and asked how they’re doing business today and tried to identify those things we could apply across all organizations. Our goal is to ensure our customers receive equal or better support than they are currently receiving.”

Currently, Robins has 17 different help desks and more than 300 applications across the base.

IT workers will physically remain in the organizations they serve, Mrs. Padgett said.

“Consolidation is all about ensuring we’re minimizing resources while maximizing IT capabilities for our customers,” she said. “That includes eliminating duplicate efforts and gaining economies of scale while leveraging capabilities across the center. We’re an enabler to allow our customers to focus on their mission, while

we provide the necessary capabilities to meet their needs.”

Alan Mathis, director of the IT Directorate, said his organization is trying to make the ongoing improvement process as painless as possible.

“While everyone will be impacted, they shouldn’t notice any change in service, and initially, there will be no change

in who they work with,” he said. “Consolidating will take time. But in the long term, hopefully, our customers will see improved services.”

Editor’s Note: The Rev-Up will continue coverage of the IT consolidation process as information becomes available.

Servicemembers a priority for flu shots

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Deployed and deploying servicemembers are among the priority groups to receive the flu vaccine, Defense Department officials said.

Chiron, the main supplier of flu vaccine, has a plant in Britain. Recently British regulators halted production there. While DoD is affected by the British rejection of Chiron’s flu vaccine, all high-risk beneficiaries and all operationally deployed servicemembers will be vaccinated on time this flu season.

Officials said there are about 2.2 million servicemembers and high-risk beneficiaries. The immunization program is underway.

Troops deployed to the U.S. Central Command theater of operations and to South Korea are DoD’s highest priority, and the department already has shipped vaccine to those theaters, officials said. High-risk beneficiaries who will receive priority on the flu shots are: children ages 6 to 23 months, adults older than 65, all pregnant women, women caring for children younger than 6 months old, health-care workers and anyone with underlying health conditions.

DoD has another source of the vaccine. The department has 1.3 million doses coming from a company unaffected by the British action. It has delivered 680,000 doses already, with the rest coming in the next eight weeks. The department also is pursuing a contract with the makers of the nasal flu vaccine, Flumist. This can be used only by healthy persons between the ages of 2 and 49.

Healthy servicemembers who are not scheduled for deployment will be deferred from receiving the vaccination until the more critical categories receive their shots, officials said.

Flu vaccinations are normally mandatory for all servicemembers.

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Commissary patrons save money with Web coupons

By Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissary shoppers are among the top coupon clippers in the world, but the “clipping” part may someday be history. The Defense Commissary Agency is helping customers increase their savings by making Internet coupon links available on the agency’s Web site.

“Although we sell groceries at cost, we are always seeking new resources to help our customers increase their savings,” said Patrick Nixon, the agency’s chief executive officer. “As the trend toward Internet coupons grows, this section of our Web site will continue to grow as well.”

Along with top Web sites for military grocery coupons, the new section has a link to a new site that offers a choice of English or Spanish. For customers who prefer more traditional coupons, another link offers commissary shoppers the opportunity to sign up for coupons by mail.

According to a 2003 marketing report, military commissaries are among the top five retailers redeeming grocery coupons. The most common coupons offered are free-standing inserts typically found inserted in newspapers or made available at the commissary. But the use of Internet coupons has grown substantially, with redemption rates rivaling the inserts.

Commissaries, as well as other grocery retailers, stopped accepting home-printed coupons in September 2003 because of instances of fraud, but despite the industry ban, consumer use of Internet coupons flourished in general.

All 273 commissaries worldwide now accept computer-generated Internet coupons if they have a bar code for scanning purposes, and the coupons do not offer free products.

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WHERE TO GO TO GET SCARED

The Law Enforcement United haunted house will run today through Oct. 30. Hours of operation are today, Saturday and Oct. 29, 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight and Tuesday through Thursday from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Warner Robins Police Department Training Center on Industrial Parkway (travel south on Ga. Highway 247 past Anchor Glass, turn right on Industrial Parkway and look for parking signs). Tickets are \$3 at the gate, and all proceeds go to local charities. For more information, call Senior Airman Natasha Freeman at 926-4940.

The 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 19th Maintenance Squadron's 9th annual haunted house will open Tuesday. Hours of operation will be Tuesday through Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. and Oct. 29-30 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion on Watson Boulevard. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 and \$5 for middle and high school students with valid IDs. Proceeds will benefit the Hospice of Houston County. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gary Rose at 327-3019.

The 78th Civil Engineering Group Prime Beef Booster Club is sponsoring a haunted hayride beginning at Pave Paws, past Warrior Base, Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 - 10 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. A dinner plate consisting of two hotdogs, chips and a drink will be available for \$4. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Joe Benetti at 926-5820 extension 211.

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Above, a trip to the Law Enforcement United Haunted House takes you on a stroll through a creepy cemetery. Above in oval, frights abound in every room at the Law Enforcement United Haunted House. Top left, visitors to the 19th Haunted House may run into a maniacal clown (Tech. Sgt. Gary Rose).



A scene in the "butchershop" room shows an unlucky victim's fate at the Law Enforcement United Haunted House.

Haunted
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By Lanorris Askew
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If you've been waiting all year for Oct. 31 and another long week of waiting for the thrills and chills of Halloween night has you singing the blues - perk up - members of the 19th Air Refueling Group and the 78th Security Forces Squadron have at least two ways to give you a very special fright night fix a few days early.

Tech. Sgt. Gary Rose, of the 19th Maintenance Squadron, said he and his fellow Black Knights are excited about their contribution to the scariest holiday of them all and are looking forward to the crowds.

"This is the ninth year we have sponsored the haunted house, and we have some great themes worked out that should make this year even better than last year," he said.

This year's haunted house is being co-sponsored by the 19th MXS and the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and work began on the project Sunday.

Though in past years the Black Knights were the only game in town when it came to getting your scare on, this year they have a little competition.

"I've heard that the Security

Forces are offering us a little competition this year, but there's nothing wrong with that," he said. "When I was a kid, the fun in Halloween was going around to all of the different haunted houses in the area and seeing which was the scariest. It's all in good fun."

Senior Airman Natasha Freeman agreed.

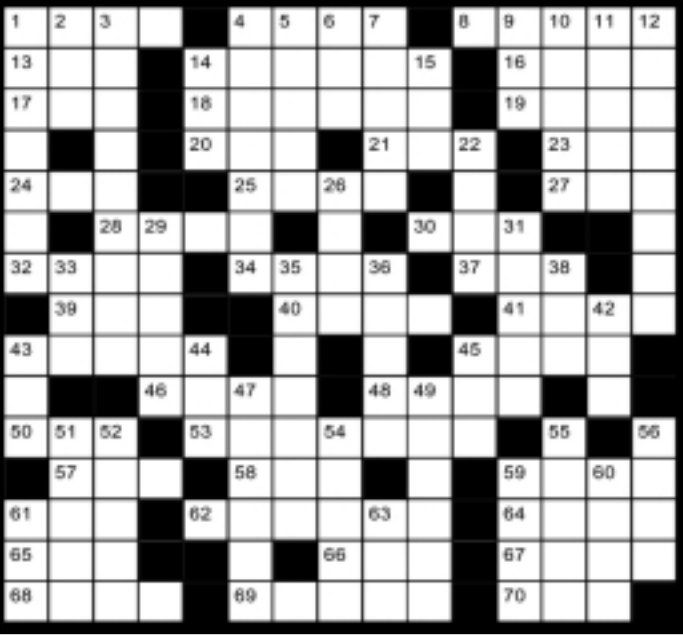
"We're both doing it for some good charities, so it's all in good spirits," she said with no pun intended.

The 78th Security Forces police services officer, who volunteered to help with the Law Enforcement United haunted house, said this year is the first time they have participated in this type of project and they are looking forward to seeing it come to fruition.

"It's a combination of all of the law enforcement agencies around town united trying to do good deeds for the community," she said. "The high schools in Warner Robins are also giving a lot of time to help put this together, and I hope that everyone who comes out appreciates the hard work that went into it."

She added that she hopes "it really scares them, because it's supposed to be scary enough for them to want to go again, right?"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Happy Birthday, U.S. Navy

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS
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1. Amphibian

4. Bathroom on Navy ship

8. Reef, sandbar, or shoal

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14. Bank robbery?

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17. Duty status of some military personnel

18. Navy P-3s

19. Former Russian ruler

20. Terminate

21. What sailor does in mess

23. Make mistake

24. Burn residue

25. Snakelike fish

27. Fed. organization concerned with national security

28. Part of old Navy sailing ships

30. On ship, to rear

32. Toboggan

34. Navy vessel

37. Small amount or degree

39. Conjunction

40. A Guthrie

41. Type of moss

43. Crib sheets

45. On ship, place to steer ship

46. On ship, a level

48. Fish

50. Knight's address

53. Warm air, rising

57. Space

58. Affirmative expression from sailor

59. To tease (someone) good-humoredly

61. Model Carol

62. Actress Blethyn

64. Norway capital

65. Mil. orders that govern action with enemy

66. Commander's area of concern, in brief

67. UH-1 helicopter, informally

68. Maximum

69. Dinner starter?

70. Compass dir.
1. Navy F-14s

2. USAF inspection

3. Shame

4. Navy F-18s

5. To omit or slur over

6. Bother

7. Desert windrows

9. Head covering

10. German city

11. Fibbers

12. Civil War hero Admiral David G. ____

14. Garden tool

15. Helpful commercial, in brief

22. 27th president

26. Den

29. Computed

31. Dubbed

33. Member of people inhabiting Mekong River area

35. Navy E-2

36. Material forming cells or tissue

38. Marina ____ Rey

42. Guitar player need

43. Navy equivalent to AFB

44. Place

45. 2001: A Space Odyssey computer

47. Necessities to steer ship

49. U.S. Navy hero Oliver ____ Perry

51. Alaska home?

52. Navy equivalents to AFSCs

54. Relating to or in region of kidneys

55. Petty officer in charge of ship's crew, anchors and cables

56. On ship, call to another ship?

59. U.S. Navy hero ____ Paul Jones

60. Dispatched

61. Appendage

63. Morgue status?

For puzzle solution, see Oct. 29 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for Oct. 15



LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.
George Trejo, MABAB. Point of contact is Jay Hinson at 926-1660.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

Planner

Firehouse Subs donates 400 \$5 coupons to the Family Support Center for families of deployed service members. From left are Robert Hentz, Macon Military Affairs Committee; Morgan Collins, Firehouse Subs; Christine Parker, Family Support Center; and Chip Cherry, Macon Chamber of Commerce.



Courtesy photo

SERVICES BRIEFS

Base Restaurant

Grilled steaks are back on Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 and includes grilled steak, baked potato, green beans and tea. Tell them “Grillzilla” sent you and receive a 10 percent discount.

Bowling Center

The On Spot Cafe special for the month is chlli, grilled cheese sandwich and a medium drink for \$3.25.

Child Development Centers

The Child Development Centers have a limited number of immediate openings for ages 6 weeks - 6 months and for 12 - 24 month old children. These fully, National Association for Education of Young Children, accredited centers are open Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. To register visit the Family Child Care office, Building 767 on the second floor, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. To determine child care fees, parents can bring their leave and earning statements to either center on Tenth Street. For more information, call Vera Keasley at 926-6741.

Club Membership

A squadron challenge is underway, in conjunction with the “Get In On It” club drive now through Nov. 30. The challenge is divided into three categories: a party valued at \$1,000 for large units consisting of 100 or more people; a party valued at \$600 for medium units consisting of 50 - 99 people and a \$300 party for small units consisting of 49 or less people. Club members who recruit new members will receive \$5 in club bucks for each new member they gain. There is no limit on the number of club bucks a current member can earn during the club drive. Club membership is available to all active duty, retired and reserve military, DoD and NAF civilians. Membership dues for the Enlisted Club are \$8 per month for E-4 - E-9 and \$4 per month for E-1 - E-4. Officers’ Club dues are \$18 per month. For complete details, visit www.robins.af.mil.

Enlisted Club and Officers’ Club

The Enlisted Club will hold a Halloween party with a costume contest Oct. 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight with entertainment by DJ Dirty of WIBB.

Information, Tickets and Travel

The Information, Tickets and Travel office is selling movie ticket vouchers for the Georgia Theater Company and Amstar.

Georgia Theater tickets will be good at either the Galleria Mall or Parkway Cinemas for \$6 and the Amstar on Zebulon Road in Macon for \$5.

Officers’ Club

The Wellston will hold a Halloween party Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. Activities will include costume contests and door prizes. Hors d’ oeuvres will be served.

Skills Development Center

The center will be accepting entries from youths and adults for the base-level artist’s craftsman and photo contest Nov. 1 and 2. Judging will take place Nov. 3 and 4. The contest is open to all military, DoD and immediate family members.

The Skills Development Center will hold monthly classes in acrylic painting Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; color pencil Monday from 10 - 11:30 am., cost \$10; beginning quilting (seven week course) Wednesday from 6 - 8:30 p.m., cost \$70; landscapes in oil Monday from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; landscapes in oil, Thursday from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; scroll saw second and fourth Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$10; watercolor Monday from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$12.50; cross stitch Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., cost \$12.50; calligraphy Thursday from 10 - 11 am., cost \$10; sewing Wednesday from 1 - 3 p.m., cost \$12.50 and kid color pencil Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m., cost \$5. Registration and payment is required for all classes.

Class space is limited. All classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs.

For more information call the skills development center.

Smith Community Center

The community center will be accepting entries for the scariest and favorite character pumpkins. All entries are due Tuesday by 6 p.m. Pumpkins will be judged in two categories: children ages 10 and younger and a general category open to all. Pumpkins will also be judged for a People’s Choice Award Wednesday.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today
7:30 p.m. – Cellular– Kim Basinger and Chris Evans
A thin thread of electronic data may be the only thing that can save a women and her family. Jessica is kidnapped by a criminal who has threatened to murder her husband and son if he doesn’t get what he wants. He destroys the only working telephone in the cabin, but Jessica manages to send out a call that’s picked up by Ryan, a college student, on his cellular phone.



Rated PG-13 (violence, terror situations, language and some sexual references) 94 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. – Napoleon Dynamite – Jon Heder and Jon Gries

Set in a small town, Napoleon is a carrot-topped oddball with a decidedly eccentric family. The story centers on the local high school’s race for class president. Using some nontraditional means, Napoleon is determined to help his pal Pedro run a winning campaign and defeat popular girl, Summer.



Rated PG (thematic elements and language) 90 minutes

Sunday
7:30 p.m. – Paparazzi – Cole Hauser and Robin Tunney

The paparazzi stalk Bo everywhere. He accepts the veritable invasion of his life until photos of his wife, Abby, and his son, Zach, begin appearing on covers of a sleazy tabloid called Paparazzi. Efforts to convince the photographers to spare his family are ignored. One night they trap Bo and his family in a high-speed chase that ends in a terrible accident, sending Abby into intensive care and 6-year-old Zach into a coma. The detective can’t make the case against the photographers, so Bo seeks vengeance on his own.



Rated PG-13 (intense violent sequences, sexual content and language) 105 minutes

Coming soon
Oct. 29
Hero – Starring Jet Li and Zhang Ziyi – Rated PG-13
Oct. 30 – Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow – Starring Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow – Rated PG
Oct. 31 – Wimbledon – Starring Paul Bettany and Kirsten Dunst – Rated PG-13

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Islamic Friday Prayer (JumuaH) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Home buyer’s workshop

Mary Ussery, director of education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free “Home Buyer’s” workshop today, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

Salary negotiation class

A salary negotiation class will be conducted Tuesday, 8 - 10:30 a.m., Building 905, Room 138
This session is an overview of how to determine your worth and know if the salary is negotiable, including how to factor in benefits packages. Strategies and tips are provided to assist in overcoming your discomfort and empower applicants in gaining a better salary.

Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom.
This program is open to all Active

Duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child.

The spouse’s connection

The FSC will offer the spouse’s connection Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex.
Come and learn about the fun things there are to do in Middle Georgia and make a new friend in the process.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia will conduct a free “Money and Credit Management” workshop Oct. 29, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.
Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Spouse’s survey

Military.com has posted a survey on military spouse licensing and certification issues that will help DoD identify how many spouses hold state-based licenses and certifications, and the extent of their employment in their career fields. The survey can be found at www.military.com/survey/spouse.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

TSP open season

The Thrift Savings Plan open season ends Dec. 31. For more information, visit www.tsp.gov. The base point of contact is Gene Kirkland, 78th MSS/DPF, at 926-1256.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Museum of Aviation Vista Scope Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward or Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

MA health fair

The Maintenance Directorate is sponsoring a health fair for its employees Oct. 29 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the flight line in B110, west dock. There will be health information and testing for sickle cell, pulmonary function, blood pressure, prostate-specific antigen, cholesterol, glucose and glaucoma. Some testing will require a nominal fee. For more information, contact Jeanie Armstrong at 472-3561.

Christian Parenting Workshop

There will be a Christian Parenting Workshop Oct. 29-30, presented by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RS, BSN. A family dinner will be served at the Enlisted Club Friday, Oct. 29, 6-9 p.m., and the seminar will be at the Enlisted Club Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Limited child care will be provided by CDC for Saturday only. Registration is free. You must register in person at the Base Chapel. For more information, call Carlos Davila or Athena Romo at 926-2821.

Hallelujah Night

The Base Chapel will hold Hallelujah Night 5:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 31. There will be food and family activities. No scary costumes please. For further details, call Carlos Davila or Athena Romo at 926-2821.

Museum of Arts and Sciences

The Museum of Arts and Sciences, 4182 Forsyth Rd., Macon, will offer families who show a military ID free admission to the museum during October. One parent's military ID is good for five free admissions. The museum offers various exhibits, nature trail, Discovery House and planetarium. The museum is open Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m. For more information, call 477-

3232 or visit www.masmacon.com.

Health fair

The retirement section of Civilian Personnel will host a health fair at the Base Restaurant, Building 166, Nov. 1 - 2, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Representatives from various federal health plans will be available with 2005 updates on coverage and information on their respective plans. Workload permitting, supervisors may excuse

employees without charge to leave to allow attendance and return to work in no more than one hour. Additional time will be charged to annual leave. For more information, contact your servicing employee relations specialist at 926-0677 or 926-5802.

Aerospace Toastmasters luncheon

The Aerospace Toastmasters Club 3368 will host a Supervisor Appreciation Lunch

(Founder's Month) Nov. 10 at the Officers' Club at 11:30 a.m. The members of Aerospace Toastmasters will invite their bosses to lunch to give them an overview of Toastmasters and a live demonstration of how a typical club meeting is conducted.

Choir director and accompanist needed

Inspirational worship service adult choir director and accompanist position is open at the Base Chapel.

If you are interested or know someone qualified, please contact either Connie Mitchell or Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Burrell at 926-2821, connie.mitchell@robins.af.mil or bill.burrell@robins.af.mil.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call James Tingerthal at 929-4871 or Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

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Deployed postal workers deliver morale, watch for suspicious mail



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – Airman Ryan Goldberg puts mail away at the postal facility. He is one of three full-time postal employees here. Airman Goldberg is a postal augmentee with the 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron and is from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – In a deployed environment, morale is very important and comes in many forms, shapes and sizes, but often by mail. Three Airmen here are responsible for delivering mail to more than 2,500 people. “We can’t put a number on how many pieces of mail we get, but it’s around 2,600 pounds a day,” said Tech. Sgt. Timothy Hill, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron postmaster, who is deployed from Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Every day around 7:30 a.m., the postal team gets word if a plane has arrived at the airmail terminal carrying the morale-building cargo. From there, contractors separate the mail between

the Army and Air Force before the Airmen load up their truck with the goods. “Our postal service is a team effort,” Sergeant Hill said, “and we take pride in what we’re doing.” Once at the postal facility, the Airmen divide the mail among all of the Air Force units on base. “We’re the morale builders for this base,” said Airman 1st Class Kristi Knudson, 332nd ECS postal augmentee, who is deployed from Eglin AFB, Fla. “It’s a lot of work, but we get lots of help.” “We are a part of the mission, and we help with morale,” said Airman Ryan Goldberg, 332nd ECS postal augmentee, who is also deployed from Eglin AFB. “It doesn’t seem like much, but it’s important.” In the second month of a four-month

rotation, the Airmen said the team almost has the delivery system down to a science. However, with the holiday months approaching, they said they believe the mail, which currently averages about 79,000 pounds a month, will increase. “It’s only going to grow as the holidays approach,” Sergeant Hill said. “During November and December, we’ll probably hit 1 million pounds.” Besides pickup, delivery, loading and unloading, the postal team also deals with a lot of federal postal regulations. Besides abiding by all of those rules, they are always watching for suspicious packages and questionable mail items. “We’re constantly on the lookout for various things,” Sergeant Hill said. “If we see a potential hazard we’ll call in the (proper) people to come over and look at it.”

Postal agency sets overseas holiday mailing dates

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The dates for mailing items to and from overseas locations in time for the holidays are fast approaching, and officials at the Military Postal Service Agency here have suggestions for ensuring packages and letters arrive on time. “If packages are mailed earlier, it may be possible to use space-available mail or parcel post service, which would result in less expensive postage rates,” said Mark DeDomenic, the agency’s chief of operations. As the holidays approach, mail volumes get higher, and it takes longer for packages to get through the system, Mr. DeDomenic said. Mr. DeDomenic said these dates can also be observed by customers sending mail from overseas locations to the United States, and that all dates may vary depending on location.

When’s it due?

- The recommended deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are listed below.
- Parcel post: Nov. 13
 - Space-available mail: Nov. 27
 - Parcel airlift mail: Dec. 4
 - Priority and first-class letters/cards: Dec. 11 (Dec. 6 for APO 093)
 - Express mail military service: Dec. 20 (Not applicable for APO 093)

“Customers should contact their local military post office overseas get exact dates,” Mr. DeDomenic said. People mailing packages need to be aware that customs forms are required on all international mail, and that shipments should be properly packaged before sending them overseas, Mr.

DeDomenic said. “Always use strong boxes with plenty of packing material, such as newspaper or popcorn,” he said. “Strapping or reinforced tape is strongly recommended. Ensure fragile items are packed tightly and individually wrapped in bubble wrap.” Postal services in the United States and foreign nations have restrictions on what can be mailed in or out of the country. Mr. DeDomenic said postal customers need to consider these restrictions and also the length of the journey when mailing items overseas. “Generally speaking, anything that would cause harm to other mail, equipment or mail handlers, or anything that is hazardous to an aircraft in-flight is nonmailable,” Mr. DeDomenic said. “Customers should check with their local military post office for specific regulations. In general, plants, some food items such as meats, alcohol, hazardous materials and flammable

goods may not be mailed.” Also critical to getting packages overseas on time is ensuring they have the correct mailing address. The No. 1 reason for delayed delivery of mail is improper or incomplete addresses, Mr. DeDomenic said. He said people sending mail to an overseas APO or FPO, should not use the geographical location. For example, do not use Baghdad, Iraq, on the address. This will cause the mail to be placed into the international mail system and may cause severe delays. Because of security restrictions, mass-mailing operations such as Operation Dear Abby or the “Any Servicemember” mailing programs are not being supported by the agency, Mr. DeDomenic said. Agency officials encourage servicemembers to support the publicly available Web sites that allow the American public to write supportive letters to them.

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Gift certificates available in stateside commissaries

By Rick Brink
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissary shoppers in the continental United States only have to go as far as their store’s customer service office to get commissary gift certificates in time for the holidays.

Gift certificates in stores are available in one denomination of \$25. A \$1 per certificate handling fee is added to offset printing, shipping and handling costs. The certificates can be used in any of DeCA’s 273 commissaries. The in-store gift certificate offer is an expansion of the popular Internet

Certifichecks program. The program, featured in a link on www.commissaries.com, lets anyone purchase any of nine denominations of commissary gift certificates over the Internet or by calling (877) 770-4438. All certificates, whether obtained in a commissary or over the Internet, can be

given as gifts, but only authorized commissary shoppers can redeem them. The gift certificates have a one-year expiration date. Customers can return expired or nearly expired certificates to CertifiChecks Inc., which will re-issue new certificates at face value without any processing charges.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Come dressed in a Halloween costume for Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Oct. 30 and bowl for just \$8.

Fitness Center

A Halloween run/walk is slated for Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to best and scariest costume, first place men’s and women’s and candy for the kids.

Robins’ varsity basketball teams will play Eglin Saturday and Sunday at the Fitness Center. The women’s tip off is 3 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday. Men play at 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Golf Course

A ladies social golf league will be held Monday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the pro shop at 926-4103.

Register now for Link Up 2 Golf classes. Course of study includes orientations, eight hours of group lesson and course etiquette, complimentary rental clubs, three-hole graduation scramble, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Cost is \$99 per person and valued at more than \$400. Class III for retirees 50 years and older will be Nov. 8, 11, 15, 18 and 22 from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Golf tournaments

The 7th annual American Society of Military Comptrollers golf tournament will be Oct. 29 at the Waterford Golf Course, with a noon shotgun start. It will

be scramble format, four-person team best ball, and mulligans will be available. The entry fee is \$35 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, range balls, lunch and beverages. There will be prizes for first, second, and third place teams. The proceeds from the tournament go to local community scholarships funds. To sign up or for more information, contact Steffi Ferguson at 327-1380 or steffi.ferguson@afrc.af.mil or Jerrianne Werner at 327-1445 or jerrianne.werner@afrc.af.mil.

The Federal Managers’ Association will host its 15th annual golf tournament at Waterford Golf Club Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. Cost of participation is \$40 per player and includes green and cart fees, lunch and prizes. The tournament is open to both DoD and non-DoD persons. The format is a four person scramble. Proceeds from the event will be used to fund college scholarships for high school graduates in the surrounding community. Entry deadline is Oct 29. To sign up or for more information, contact Tena Dominy at 926-8583.

Ice hockey

The Georgia Amateur Ice Hockey Association is looking for players for the upcoming season, which runs from approximately Nov. 9 to mid-February. For more information, contact David Votary at 788-1329 or George Doust at 971-7974.

Thank-a-Vet Run

The Air Force Association Thank-a-Vet Run will be Nov. 13 at the Museum

of Aviation. Check-in will be at 7:15 a.m. and require a picture ID. The run will begin at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15; on-site registration is \$20. Fee includes T-shirt and refreshments. The proceeds will benefit the construction of the POW/MIA memorial monument. For more information, visit www.cv-afa.org.

Youth Center

The Youth Center Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA basketball registrations will be today from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost is \$60. The program emphasizes fundamentals of skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive adult participation with the goal of providing a fun and rewarding youth basketball experience. Young players can also create a bond with the game while learning what it takes to be successful away from the court. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination will be required.

Dedicated basketball coaches are also needed. Apply in person at the center or call 926-2110 for more information.

A girls basketball Fun-da-mentals Camp will be held Saturdays, Oct. 23 - Nov. 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for ages 9 - 14. Cost is \$20 and includes camp T-shirt and towel.

For more information, call the youth center at 926-2110.

The Youth Center is currently looking for a gymnastics instructor. For more information, call Nancy Hinds at 926-2110.

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Courtesy photo
The Atlanta-based band performs for troops during a concert in Sigonella, Sicily, in September.

Georgia band with Robins connection plays for troops

78th Air Base Wing
Office of Public Affairs

The Atlanta-based band Five Star Iris just returned from a three-country tour of Europe where they played for military audiences at three bases.

At Robins, Lt Col Carl Unholz, deputy director for Information Technology, said he is thrilled for the troops and the band.

“When I’ve been overseas, music has always been great for relaxation, a reminder of home, and has often contributed significantly to unit cohesion” he said. “Prior to my deployment to Baghdad, I had attended a concert and was handed a CD from Five Star Iris (5SI). I loved their music right away and took it with me to Baghdad. It brought me lots of hours of relaxation under some pretty difficult conditions.

What to know

Five Star Iris is currently working on a new CD. To find out more about the band, visit their Web site at www.fivestaris.com/

“When I returned, I got back in touch with Alan Schaefer, front man and principal songwriter for the band, and we discussed the idea of the group going overseas to entertain the troops. He had known other bands who had done USO tours, made the contacts, and 5SI’s first European tour was born.”

Colonel Unholz mentions the “first” tour because 5SI’s Fourth of July tour covering Spain, Sicily, and Italy was such a success, they were almost immediately invited back for another.

“It made me feel good to be able to bring a bit of

home to our servicemen and women on such a special holiday,” Mr. Schaefer said. “We were thrilled to be invited back so soon. It was such an amazing experience the first time. We are truly honored.”

The band, made up of Mr. Schaefer, brother and bass guitarist Robert Schaefer, lead guitarist Alex Winfield, and drummer Dan Fishman have just recently completed their second tour which covered Iceland, Sicily, and Italy.

“I’ve always been appreciative of the entertainers and celebrities who are willing to show their support for the military community,” said Colonel Unholz, “but I have an ever growing respect for the members of 5SI. They are adamantly against drugs, and when you see one of their concerts, you’ll often meet the family.”

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